

All ICDL 2016 conference participants are welcome to attend the special events.
For special event on “**Digitisation of Indigenous Knowledge**”
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Day 2: 14 December 2016, Wednesday

Digitization of Indigenous Knowledge

Timing (2.00 am – 4.00 pm))

Venue: Stein auditorium

Background

An increasing number of cultural heritage institutions across the globe are exploring digitization as a means of preservation and/or improving access and knowledge of their collections. Digitization of indigenous knowledge has become increasingly necessary to prevent erosion of authentic traditional heritage. Digitization is a relatively new science which can support integration of the traditional and modern systems of knowledge creation and application. Ultimately, indigenous knowledge is collectively managed through oral traditions, encompassing various forms of knowledge about different aspects of the society. With digitization, oral traditions and other forms of indigenous knowledge can be preserved and applied to meet the needs of contemporary societies.

The Special Event examines digitization of indigenous knowledge as a critical resource for the promotion of culture, environmental sustainability and effective management of natural resources.

Tentative Agenda

Chair:

Sachchidanand Joshi*

Member Secretary, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, India

Co-Chair:

Pravakar Rath

Professor of Library and Information Science and Dean, School of Economics, Management and Information Science, Mizoram University, India

Panelists:

Hadar Miller

Chief Information Officer, National Library of Israel, Jerusalem, Israel

P R Goswami

Director, Kalanidhi Division, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, India

Klaus Alexander Pendl

First Counsellor-ICT, Trade and Economic Affairs, Delegation of the European Commission to India

Topic: Europeana, the "European Digital Library" (a single access point to Europe's cultural heritage)

Kristian Jensen

Head of Collections & Curation, British Library, UK

Jean Marc Comment

Head of the Unit, Swiss Federal Archives AF, Berne, Switzerland

**Invited*